NOTIFICATION

Revision

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6.

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** Canada  **If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):** |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:** Canadian Food Inspection Agency  **Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers, email and website addresses, if available) of** **agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above:**  Canada's SPS & TBT Notification Authority and Enquiry Point  Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development Canada  Technical Barriers and Regulations Division (TIB)  111 Sussex Drive  Ottawa, ON K1A 0G2  Canada  Telephone: (343)203-4273  Fax: (613)943-0346  E-mail: [enquirypoint@international.gc.ca](mailto:enquirypoint@international.gc.ca) |
| **3.** | **Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [****], 5.6.2 [****], 5.7.1 [****], other:** |
| **4.** | **Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):** Beer (includes Ale, Stout, Porter, and Malt Liquor) |
| **5.** | **Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** Proposed regulations to amend the Food and Drug Regulations (FDR) to update the beer compositional standards (7 pages, available in English and French) |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** The Canadian Food Inspection Agency is proposing a modernized beer compositional standard and is seeking feedback on the proposed changes to the FDR. These regulatory amendments include:   * Allowing yeast or mixtures of yeast and other micro-organisms for fermentation; * Removing the current requirement relating to the aroma, taste and character of beer; * Adding a 4 percent residual sugar limit in the final product; * Removing the listing of permitted food additives within the standard to rely on Health Canada's Lists of Permitted Food Additives; * Removing  the listing of processing aids for consistency with other compositional standards; * Clarifying the term "carbohydrate" with examples; * Clarifying the allowance for herbs and spices; * Allowing the use of flavouring preparations with a mandatory labelling statement; * Repealing the standard for ale, stout, porter and malt liquor.   Food additives and processing aids permitted for use in beer would not change under this proposal. Food additive are included in Health Canada's "Lists of Permitted Food Additives".  It is also proposed to amend the *Food and Drug Regulations* to remove the existing labelling exemptions provided to beer for allergens, gluten sources and added sulphites. |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:** Other; To enable the industry to take full advantage of innovation and market developments, reduce the regulatory burden placed on brewers and to avoid product launch delays. |
| **8.** | **Relevant documents:** Food and Drug Regulations (FDR) (B.02.130, B.02.131, B.02.132, B.01.010.1(5) and B.01.010.2(5)) available at:  <http://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/regulations/C.R.C.,_c._870/index.html> (English)  <http://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/fra/reglements/C.R.C.%2C_ch._870/index.html> (French), |
| **9.** | **Proposed date of adoption:** Not stated  **Proposed date of entry into force:** Not stated |
| **10.** | **Final date for comments:** 14 September 2018 |
| **11.** | **Texts available from: National enquiry point [****X] or address, telephone or fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:**  The electronic version of the proposed policy document can be found at:  <http://www.gazette.gc.ca/rp-pr/p1/2018/2018-06-16/html/reg1-eng.html> (English) <http://www.gazette.gc.ca/rp-pr/p1/2018/2018-06-16/html/reg1-fra.html> (French)  or requested from:  Canada's SPS and TBT Notification Authority and Enquiry Point Technical Barriers and Regulations Division Global Affairs Canada 111 Sussex Drive Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0G2 Tel: +(343) 203 4273 Fax: +(613) 943 0346 E-mail: [enquirypoint@international.gc.ca](mailto:enquirypoint@international.gc.ca) |